

# Battalion Editorials

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## Dangerous Crossing . . .

MEMO to all who walk on the campus: Attention: Traffic Committee, Student Senate,

Up to now, there have been no accidents, either critical or fatal, on the streets surrounding the Memorial Student Center. The fact is something for which the student body and the college community may feel proud.

Full realization of what might have happened, or may happen now, is evident after a little thought about the traffic hazards existing thereabouts.

In the early morning, traffic from Vet Village and College Park converges on Houston Street, immediately northeast of the MSC. To that add the constant flow of students going to the Center for coffee or a check for early morning mail.

This produces a concentration of students and automobiles at the intersection East of

the MSC, the East (bowling alley) entrance to the building, and the double Houston-Lamar intersection. This condition lasts throughout the morning and into the afternoon at the latter intersection when students and faculty walk to the MSC between classes. Traffic has dwindled by that time, but conditions remain hazardous.

Nothing has been done thus far to eliminate the existing danger. For the continued welfare and safety of pedestrians and drivers, some corrective measures should be taken promptly.

The Battalion therefore suggests:

• Placement of stop signs and pedestrian lanes at the double intersection East of the MSC.

• Marking a no-parking zone across the street from the Northeast (bowling alley) sidewalk wide enough to permit unhampered vision in either direction.

• Patrolling this area to insure that these measures are observed.

These precautions, if judiciously observed, would greatly reduce the accident potential in the MSC area.

*What has become of the man who believed everything he saw in print?*

## Misguided Patriot

THERE was tense drama in putting on the air in Austria the voice of its dead President, Karl Renner, to plead for ending the occupation of his country. But there is a starker tragedy than the fact that the 80-year-old Renner died after recording his New Year plea.

Karl Renner was a fine man, an honest man. To the day of his death he must have riot? Let the question mark stand.

For Renner doomed Austria as surely as its foes. Credit Renner's honest socialism. From early maturity, he worked to socialize his country. He fought to do that in parliament, and as Chancellor. With the socialist workers, he rose against the Dollfuss regime in 1934. He could not see that he had paved the way for Hitler, but he had.

We have our own Renners—thousands of them, honest, devoted patriot who would not willingly risk the safety of their country. They plead for the dubious blessings of paternalism and would in good faith destroy the principles that made the United States of America what it is. If they succeed and if we fall, they die like Karl Renner, unconscious that they have destroyed us.—The Dallas Morning News.

From the City Desk . . .

## Little Concern Shown Toward Bond Election

By Joel Austin



There doesn't seem to be much concern among College Station residents regarding the up-coming \$200,000 utility bond election scheduled Monday.

But then, most people like to just sit back and let other people take care of running things, at least, until they wake up to the fact that an individual voice can make a difference in the outcome of an important question.

Take the election of city council members last Spring. A man won his race by only a single vote. Had his opponent received the ballot of just one man and his wife the office would have been his.

### Incident Could Happen Monday

This same incident could happen in the balloting Monday and we know of a lot of people who will be greatly benefited by the money which could come from the passage of this bond issue.

Take for instance those people living in College Hills who are paying much higher rates for electric power than residents of other areas of College Station who receive their power from the City of College Station.

Of the \$70,000 earmarked for electrical expansion, \$60,000 would go to purchase and improve these power facilities in College Hills now owned by the City of Bryan and the Rural Electrification Association.

If you don't live in College Hills, just compare your electric bill with someone who consumes a comparable amount of power in that section of town and see what the difference is.

There will still be \$10,000 left for future improvements, extensions, and maintenance jobs.

The largest figure for any single utility is the \$110,444 which is to go for the eventual construction of a sewage disposal plant. City officials stress the fact that such a unit would be expensive to construct since the various residential areas of the city are grouped around the college instead of in one central spot.

This situation would require the construction of many additional lines in order to service all parts of the city with a sewage disposal system.

### No Immediate Plans for Construction

We understand that this money is just being asked for at this time and no immediate plans have been made for construction of this plant.

The remaining \$20,000 will go for water extensions and water main maintenance. As the town grows, the city must furnish an adequate water supply and enough fire plugs to serve these new areas.

Now comes the question of how the bonds are to be paid off.

When most people think of revenue bonds, they think of increased taxes, or at least the use of tax money to pay off the bonds when payments are due.

The City Council has ruled that only income from water and sewer revenue will be used to pay off these bonds. BUT, no more bonds can be issued against the water and sewer income until these are done away with.

Seems like a sound proof plan to us, but there is still one other matter to explain.

Ballots will furnish a place for accepting or rejecting each of the three divisions of the \$200,000. Voters may approve one part and scratch out the other two if not in favor of the entire issue.

College Station Mayor Ernest Langford stressed the fact that if one portion of the bond issue fails to pass, by council ruling, no further bond issues can be made against water and sewer revenue. That means if one part isn't passed it may not receive any money for expansion until these bonds are paid off.

### Sounds Quite Simple

The whole deal sounds so simple that many people will not bother to vote thinking there will be few, if any negative votes on the bond issue. The only sure way to insure the election goes as you want it, is by personally visiting the polls Monday and casting your ballot.

It requires only a little time and effort to vote with the three polling places which will be set up at convenient locations about the city.

Vote as you please on this matter, but contribute your efforts toward making the ballot boxes show a representative attitude of local citizens toward the issue.

Consult the front page of today's paper for the location of the voting boxes.

## Red Masses Pouring South

Tokyo, Jan. 5—(AP)—Chinese Communist troops speared south today from captured Seoul toward a new allied defense line.

A tremendous enemy buildup for the next blow in the struggle for Korea was reported. Allied pilots said they saw the heaviest traffic yet observed in Korea behind the enemy lines.

The allies in a skillful retreat yielded Seoul, its air field at Kimpo and its port of Incheon. Incheon was left in ruins. United Nations personnel blew up its docks before pulling out by sea. The main U.N. ground force moved on south of Seoul.

The menace of Red hordes seeking to punch down central Korea and cut the escape roads south grew hourly.

### Roads Crowded

U. S. Fifth Air Force pilots Thursday night sighted 1,200 vehicles clogging the roads of North Korea.

A U. S. Eighth Army officer said Red soldiers were pouring down secondary roads and through valleys toward Wonju, 55 miles southeast of Seoul.

Once there, the Reds could fan

out along vital highways cutting across the line of U.N. retreat toward the old Pusan beachhead.

An estimated 100,000 Chinese and North Koreans were winding down through the bleak, cold moun-

tains of the interior. They could turn left or right at Wonju and possibly cut off parts of the allied forces.

If they turned west, they might seal off U.N. troops moving south of Seoul.

## Voting --

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Issue is not approved, while the other two receive a majority vote, that particular utility will not be able to receive any bond money until the bonds issued have been paid off.

Only \$60,000 of the \$200,000 is planned for immediate use by the city in extending electric service to the College Hills area which has been receiving power from the City of Bryan-REA organization.

Officers for the various voting places are as follows:

Ward 1 (City Hall): E. O. Sieck, judge; Mrs. Ernest Langford, assistant; Mrs. F. G. Anderson and Mrs. F. R. Brison, clerks.

Ward 2 (Black's Pharmacy): J. E. Lauterstein, judge; Mrs. F. L. Thomas, Sr., assistant; Mrs. A. B. Stevens and Mrs. P. W. Burns, clerks.

Ward 3 (Grieser's Electric Shop): Lloyd Smith, judge; Mrs. W. B. Clements, assistant; Mrs. W. R. Fitch and Mrs. A. P. Boyett, clerks.

## Aggies Win --

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Davis via the same route four minutes later.

McDermott wasn't the only Owl hampered by the concrete Aggie defense. Their other two scoring threats, James Gerhardt and J. D. White were held to seven and three points, respectively.

McDowell High Point Man McDowell gained high point honors for the night in chalking up 18 points—he sank shots from every position on the court and through many "Owl-sure" defense. Davis and Martin followed the all-conference guard in scoring, as they garnered 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Charley Tighe led the visitors scoring bracket with eight points, as the Owls counted for only 11 two-pointers in 34 attempts, while the Cadets found the hoop and net 20 times in their 59 field goal attempts.

## Campus

### TODAY & SATURDAY

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—Features Start—  
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### NEWS — CARTOON

### PREVUE SATURDAY

—11 P.M.—  
Sunday thru Tuesday  
FIRST RUN



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### NEWS — CARTOON

### Race Desperate

It was a desperate race.

Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, U. S. Eighth Army commander, returned to his headquarters late in the day after visiting two of his army corps defending the retreat.

"Everything is going fine," he said.

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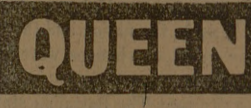
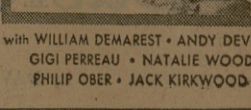
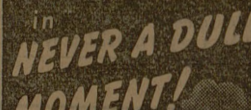
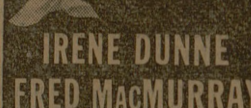
### NOW SHOWING



### TONITE PREVUE 11 P. M.



### SAT. NITE PREVUE 11 P. M.



—with—  
Randolph Scott

## New Congress May Be Headache to HST

PRESIDENT Harry S. Truman's post-election happiness at the reelection of a Democratic Congress seemed a little faded when the new Eighty-second Congress began to organize. Ever since the Fall elections, writers have speculated as to the extent of the Republican-Southern Democrat coalition. Only Truman still considered the Eighty-second a Democratic Congress.

The informal, but smooth acting, coalition seized control of both House and Senate the first day. Conservative Democrats were picked to head both houses. But probably the most important action taken the first day was the restoration to power of the House rules committee. The rule change will allow the rules committee to block legislation from the floor with no recourse except by a majority of House members signing a petition to release a bottled-up bill. Southerners on the House rules committee will now be able to align with Republican members to clear or stop all measures, and they have the votes to do it.

With the conservatives in power, President Truman's domestic Fair Deal program stands no chance of succeeding. FEPC, socialized medicine, and like legislation will never be allowed to reach the floor.

Which really puts our beloved president in a political quandry. He can't name this a "do-nothing" Congress as he did the Eighty-first—after all, theoretically the Democrats are in control.

## The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions  
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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## What's Cookin'

PHYSICS SOCIETY, Monday, 7:30 p. m. H. D. Hodges will speak on Air Flow in Buildings. Refreshments. Freshmen invited.

ENTOMOLOGY SOCIETY, Tuesday, 7:45 p. m. Room 104 Biological Sciences Building. Film and refreshments. All Freshmen invited.

LATIN AMERICAN, Friday, 7 p. m. Rooms 2A and 2B of MSC. Dr. Carl Thompson will talk on Paraguay and Peru with films. Business session.

HILLEL FOUNDATION, Friday, 7:15 p. m. YMCA Chapel.  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE STUDENT ORGANIZATION, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. YMCA Assembly Room.

CAMERA CLUB sponsored sound film on function of photography in industry, Monday, 7:30 p. m. in MSC rooms 3b and 3c.

## Bible Verse

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.  
—Ecclesiastes 11: 1.

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